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## JANUARY TRIP TO TOMALES BAY

The Pt. Reyes and Tomales Bay areas fortunately offer a variety of habitat which is interesting even from the shelter of one's auto.

All was well until a few minutes before the group assembled. Then came the monsoon. An organized trip was out of the question, so the sixteen or seventeen cars involved were driven in sixteen or seventeen directions.

The leaders were able to contact various members of the party throughout the day, and managed to compile a list of 106 species. It is quite possible there were other birds observed, but the following are the ones reported to, or observed by, the leaders: Common Loon, Arctic Loon, Red-throated Loon, Red-necked Grebe, Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, White Pelican, California Brown Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Brandt's Cormorant, Pelagic Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Common Egret, Snowy Egret, Black-cr. Night Heron ,Mallard, Pintail, Redhead, Canvas-back, Greater Scaup Duck, Lesser Scaup Duck, American Golden-eye, Bufflehead, Harlequin Duck, White-winged Scoter, Surf Scoter, Ruddy Duck, Common Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Turkey Vulture, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Marsh Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, California Quail, Ring-necked Pheasant, Sora Rail, Coot, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Long-billed Curlew, Spotted Sandpiper, Willet, Greater Yellow-legs, Least Sandpiper, Dunlin, Dowitcher, Western Sandpiper, Sanderling, American Avocet, Glaucous-winged Gull, Western Gull, Herring Gull, California Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Heermann's Gull, Common Murre, Band-tailed Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Anna's Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Red-shafted Flicker, Black Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Horned Lark, Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, Common Raven, Common Crow, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Common Bush-Tit, Pygmy Nuthatch, Wren-Tit, Bewick's Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, American Robin, Varied Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Western Bluebird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Water Pipit, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling, Orange-crowned Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Audubon's Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, House Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Red-winged

Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee, Brown Towhee, Slate-colored Junco, Oregon Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

MRS. GRACE MILLER AND RICHARD STALLCUP
*—Co-Leaders*

LEE STALLCUP
*—Historian*

## JANUARY TRIP TO BERKELEY AQUATIC PARK

About 60 members and friends pariticipaterd in the field trip to Aquatic Park. The weather was fine and birding good until the fog closed in around eleven o'clock. Then the majority of the birders went to the Botanical Gardens. The following 57 species were observed: Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Double-cr. Cormorant, Common Egret, Snowy Egret, Black-crowned Night Heron, Mallard, Pintail, Shoveler, Redhead, Canvasback, Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Ruddy Duck, Hooded Mergansed, Red-tailed Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, American Coot, Black-bellied Plover, Willet, Greater Yellowlegs, Avocet, Glaucous-winged Gull, Western Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Anna's Hummingbird, Red-shafted Ficker, Downy Woodpecker, Steller's Jay, Scrub Jay, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Plain Titmouse, Wrentit, Bewick's Wren, California Thrasher, Robin, Hermit Thrush, Audubons Warbler, Townsend's Warbler, Western Meadowlark, Redwinged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Purple Finch, House Finch, Pine Siskin, Rufous-sided Towhee, Brown Towhee, Oregon Junco, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow.

— ARTHUR MYER, *Leader*
ALICE LEET, *Historian*

CORRECTION—The total number of species seen and recorded in the San Francisco Christmas Bird Count was 115 and *not* 114 as reported in the February issue of *The Gull*. (Sorry! — Ed.)

NOTE—The Golden Gate Audubon Society's good friend and member, Miss Amy Rinehart is at present confined in the Park-Merritt Nursing Home, 525 E. 18th Street, Oakland. To her we send greetings and sincerely hope she will be up and with us soon.

## CONSERVATION NOTES

A new year and a new chairman but a perennial subject that concerns us all. Too often the conservationist's position has been one of desperate defense. Today, for the first time, we have an opportunity to participate in intelligent plans for the future before, we hope, a state of desperation develops. In the coming montts the objective of this paragraph will be to bring you information on current issues: the Wilderness Bill now before Congress, the survey presently being made by the Dept. of Natural Resources on the present and future needs of recreational areas in California, the Mission 66 program of the National Park Service, Operation Outdoors of the Forest Servcie and the Fish

## AUDUBON JUNIOR CLUB CAMPAIGN

With this issue of *The Gull* you are receiving a copy of the Audubon Junior Club folder which describes one of the most vital programs of your National Society. At the just concluded meeting of our Branch Representatives, the need for bringing this important resource to the attention of persons directly in contact with our boys and girls, was stressed. While this is a year-round program, the fact that Spring is on the threshhold makes it particularly intriguing to all outdoor activities and studies. Therefore, it is the hope of your Board of Directors and the staff of the Pacific Coast Office of the National organization that you, personally, will make every effort to place this information in such hands. Teachers in the elementary schools, youth and church leaders and "that neighbor down the block" who encourages after school and week-end nature programs will thank you for introducing them to Audubon Junior Clubs for this material will enrich and vitalize their own nature and conservation interests. When you have placed this ONE FOLDER and you discover others who would like to receive it have them write immediately to: AUDUBON CENTER, 1000 N. Durfee Avenue, El Monte, California. Thank you for "joining the team" in this campaign. —PAUL F. COVEL, *President*

## CALIFORNIA STATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING FALCONRY

1. The Department of Fish and Game may issue licenses to engage in the practice of falconry . . . to persons over the age of 16 years.
2. All native hawks and falcons may be taken and possessed, *except* eagles, osprey, white-tailed kite; but only the Great Horned Owl may be so taken and possessed in the owl family. No more than one of these species may be taken from a nest by permittee and no more than two in the aggregate of these raptores may be possessed at one time.
3. No exotic raptores may be imported or possessed for falconry purposes but species native to California, when legally taken in other states, may be imported for falconry under special permits. No raptore may be sold or exchanged without prior written permit.
4. Licensees shall have a valid falconer's license in possession at all times when engaged in practice of falconry, also, a valid hunting license when loosing their birds on wild game. Such game *may not include any migratory game birds* or *any protected non-game species.*
5. The Commission may close any part of the State to the taking of raptores at any time. Nets used in taking of raptores must be acompanied by a valid net permit.

We strongly urge all Audubon members and all others who may read this to remain alert to al violations of this new code for which we have worked in order tosecure raptore protection in California. Ascertain whether falconry operations coming to your attention are being conducted within the law or request an officer of the Department of Fish and Game to investigate any suspect falconry operation. Your president will be able and willing to contact the proper authorities if full facts are brought to him.

— PAUL F. COVEL, *President*

and Game Service and its ten year program. We shall, also, alert you to any emergency measures and try to add to your general knowledge of the subject of conservation.

Our suggestion for this month is to write a personal letter to the editor of the San Francisco Chronicle commending him for publishing James Benet's articles in January on the subject of our vanishing open spaces in an expanding methopolitan area.

—GLADYS L. SMITH, *Conservation Chairman*

## SPRING HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR TO BENEFIT SANCTUARY FUND

Two years ago, the Golden Gate Audubon Society decided to increase its efforts toward acquiring and preserving another area of precious, fast-shrinking, wildlife habitat in the Bay Area, by establishing a Sanctuary and Memorial Fund. Such a goal calls for fund rasing activity and a Spring House and Garden Tour has been decided upon for this year. Its purpose is to get the "ball rolling" by raising a sizeable amount of money for this Fund. Dates for the Tour are Friday and Saturday, MAY 16 and 17, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details andparticulars of the several places to be visited will be announced in the April issue of *The Gull*. Ticket reservation envelopes will be mailed to the membership and a list of sponsors is being procured.

We can use thehelp of everyone willing to donate a few hours of his time for office work, phone calls, publicity, placing of tickets and those willing to work in this capacity are urged to contact the Tour Chairman, MRS. HOWARD JOHNSON, OLympic 5-5182, immediately. Hostesses will be needed in the various homes to be visited on May 16 and 17, for periods of two hours. MRS.GEORGE BROWNE, TWinoaks 3-5469, is Hostess Chairman and she will appreciate your calls and offers to assist.

The Golden Gate Audubon Society already assists in the maintenance of two saltmarsh refuge areas around the South end of San Francisco Bay, in cooperation with the National Audubon Society, which holds the leases, the Seqquoia and Santa Clara Audubon groups and the Sierra Club. But the Golden Gate Society wants to be able to buy, preserve and maintain some other critical wildlife habitat when the opportunity arises, whether it be a verdant chaparral canyon, wooded hillside, pond, stream or marsh. Our mushrooming population is fast displacing many valuable wildlife habitats which can never be replaced. Time is running out and we must be able to act before it is too late!

### CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY AND MEMORIAL FUND

—Dr. and Mrs. T. Eric Reynolds, Dr. and Mrs. Charles V. Covell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Boles and Richard Boles. Mrs. George C. Browne and Miss Margaret J. Milwain.

Members and other interested persons are invited to make contributions and bequests to this fund. Gifts in the memory of friends are suggested. A total of $50 has been deposited in the Fund in memory of several individuals. NOTICE—Contributions to the Sanctuary and Memorial Fund should be sent Dr. Albert Boles, Treasurer, 854 Longridge Road, Oakland 10, California.

## MARCH MEETING

The 485th regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Rotary Science Center near the duck-feeding area at Lake Merritt in Oakland.

March is Conservation Month. It is most appropriate that we have as our speaker the past president of the California Conservation Council, Professor Woodbridge Metcalf of U.C. He will show slides and tell of his trip last summer, to Turkey, on a Conservation project. A most interesting evening is promised. Guests are welcome.

— Bonnie Smith, *Program Chairman*

*Note*: Come to the no-host dinner at 6 p.m., at Lakeside Inn near the Science Center. Prices are reasonable.

## PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY WILL SPEAK

Mr. John H. Baker, President of the National Audubon Society will address a banquet of the Marin Conservation League, at Marin Junior College, in Ross, on Friday evening, March 7. His subject will be: "The Surge of Desire to Establish Wildlife Refuges." Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The charge is $2.25 and reservations may be obtained by writing The Marin Camp Fire Girls, Scout Hall, San Rafael or phoning GLenwood 3-6321. We hope the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be well represented at this affair as Mr. Baker always has an inspiring and vital message which he presents with clarity and humor.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Golden Gate Audubon Society: from Berkeley, Mr. A. W. Larson, Mr. Alan R. Craig; from Concord, Mrs. John Irving; from Oakland, Mr. Anthony J. Farrell, Mrs. Gladys G. Gerringer, Mrs. Victoria Kimball; from Piedmont, Mr. Steve Austin, Mrs. Dorothy Forbes; from San Francisco, Miss Karin Taylor.

— Roberta J. Long, *Membership Chairman*

NOTICE: The *Scholarship Committee* would like the names of persons who you think would make good use of a camp experience at Audubon Camp of California next summer. Chairman, MRS. JEAN NELSON, 8183 Terrace Drive, El Cerrito—Phone: LA 6-8075.

Anyone wishing a 1958 folder about the camp may contact National Audubon, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, California.

## FIELD TRIPS FOR MARCH

On Sunday, March 16, to Moss Landing. Beach, ocean, lagoon, pond, marsh and field are the varied habitat in a package, offered on this trip. Take U. S. 101 south of San Jose to the Monterey Peninsula Cut-off (Route 156) 9 miles north of Salinas. Turn west to Castroville, then north (right) on Route 1 for 3 miles. Meet at 10 a.m., near the bridge over Elkhorn Slough. Distance from bay area about 110 miles. Driving time 3 hours. Leader, Alan Craig, AS -9700.

On Saturday, March 30, to Tilden Park. Some summer residents may be expected along with transients and wintering species in this "close to home" area. Meet at Spruce Street Reservoir at 9 a.m. From San Fraoiscn take 8:07 a.m. "F" train and transfer to No. 67 bus at University Avenue. Leader, A. Laurence Curl, LA 6-7004.

## APRIL BOAT TRIP

Sunday, April 13, to the Farallon Islands on the Privateer 11. Departure will be from Berkeley Harbor at 5:30 a.m. with a later pick up of passengers in San Francisco. Complete information as to time, clothing, etc. will be sent to all who reserve a space. Fee $8.00 per person. This should be sent to the Field Trips Chairman, Harold G. Peterson, 3548 - 65th Ave., Oakland 5, with your name, address and phone number. Make all checks payable to the Golden Gate Audubon Society Inc. Names will be placed on the passenger list in the order received. Maximum number of passengers 47. Leader, Howard L. Cogswell, NE 6-1573.

— HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman*

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